

REMARKS/ ARGUMENTS

Applicant amends claim 16 to recite the full meaning of LEA for clarity as suggested by the Examiner. Support may be found in paragraph [007] which refers to LEA as late embryogenesis abundant.

Disposition of Claims:

Claims 16, 22, 24, 27, 28, 35 and 36 are indicated as allowed.

Claim 38 stands rejected.

Response to Rejections

Claim 38 stands rejected in the present office action. Applicant cancels claim 38 to expedite allowance of the present application.

Response to Claim Amendment Suggestion

With respect to claim 16, the Examiner recommends Applicant recite the full meaning of LEA – Late Embryonic Abundant at the outset of the claims followed by the former in parenthesis (LEA) to more distinctly claim the invention.

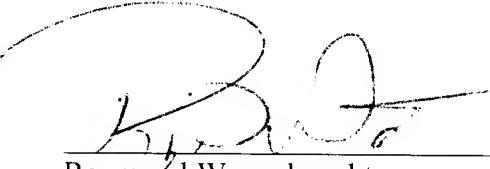
Applicant has amended claim 16 to include the full meaning of LEA, specifically Late Embryogenesis Abundant.

All pending claim are indicated as allowed. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests all rejections be withdrawn and requests a notice of allowance be issued for the instant application.

Respectfully submitted,

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